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February 3, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
 Federal Communications Commission
 445 12th Street SW
 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: LightSquared's Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I would like to again express my support for LightSquared and their proposed 4G-LTE mobile broadband network that can help our country avoid a very real spectrum crisis.

As you know, the demand for spectrum is sky-rocketing. Smartphones use 24 times as much spectrum as "old-fashioned" cellular phones and tablet computers like iPads use 120 times more spectrum. Several other countries have better wireless broadband than the United States and preventing additional spectrum from being available to consumers will only exacerbate this problem.

As I understand the situation, LightSquared has asked that the FCC rule on the use of spectrum by un-licensed users. I sincerely hope that the FCC will act expeditiously and provide some much-needed guidance on this important policy matter.

LightSquared's sustainable wholesale-only business model will increase competition in the mobile broadband market, leading to lower consumer prices and increased access to services and applications through mobile devices. In addition, LightSquared has nearly 40 partners, including one of Kansas City's largest employers - Sprint, to help deliver the benefits of their network to consumers. As the Computer and Communications Industry Association stated, "LightSquared's proposed network will spur innovation, economic growth, and job creation and lead to the entry of numerous new competitors."

Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,


 Kelly Kultala

cc: Assistant Secretary Lawrence Strickling, NTIA